

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claim 1 as follows:

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1. (Amended) A sandwich structure comprising:
a core having foam plastic core members formed of a closed-cell foam plastic material, wherein the closed-cell foam plastic material having a plastic material and foams within the plastic material, each of the foams within the plastic material being distributed independently each other from other foam; and
surface plates formed of a fiber-reinforced composite material covering the opposite surfaces of the core, said fiber-reinforcing composite material having a component resin and hydrophobic inorganic fibers as reinforcing fibers contained within the component resin;
wherein the foam plastic core members are bonded together with adhesive films that do not foam, and the surface plates are bonded to the core with adhesive films not containing any carrier or the composite resin of the fiber-reinforced composite material forming the surface plates.

REMARKS

Claims 1-11 are pending and claims 2-11 are withdrawn from consideration. By this Amendment, the specification and claim 1 are amended. No new matter is added by any of these amendments.

Reconsideration based on the following remarks is respectfully requested.

The attached Appendix includes a marked-up copy of each rewritten paragraph (37 CFR §1.121(b)(1)(iii)) and the rewritten claim (37 CFR §1.121(c)(1)(ii)).